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728th AMS supports 'Freedom Hangar' mission



Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III

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**Correction:** The Jan. 23 article "Base vet emphasizes pet policies" incorrectly states the procedure to report stray animals. The proper procedure to report strays on base is to call the 39th Civil Engineer Squadron service call desk at 6-7008 for 24-hour service. For more information, see the Action Line on Page 8.

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# Annual gate pass reissue under way

By 2nd Lt Elizabeth Culbertson

39th Air Base Group Public Affairs

It is that time of the year again for military members, civilians and dependents to get a new gate pass.

Regardless of the expiration date on old passes, all passes will be accepted by gate guards until Feb. 29, when they officially expire.

People who are leaving within the next 60 days can go to the 39th Security Forces Squadron Pass and Registration Office to receive a temporary gate pass for the duration of their stay.

The reissue process is twofold; the first phase is getting photos taken and the second is the paperwork portion. Both steps are accomplished at the community activity center.

People are required to bring the following documents with them to the reissue:

## Active Duty and self-sponsored Department of Defense civilians:

- ♦ Completed application form
- ♦ Copy of PCS order and extension
- ♦ Copy of ID front and back
- ♦ Copy of red stamped orders
- ♦ Two photos

## Dependents:

- ♦ completed application form
- ♦ Copy of PCS order and extension
- ♦ Copy of sponsor's red stamped orders
- ♦ Copy of sponsor's ID card front and back

## Photos will be taken at the community activity center on the following days from 12 to 7 p.m.:

Today — 39th Contracting Squadron and 39th Mission Support Squadron  
 Monday — None Scheduled  
 Tuesday — Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Detachment 522, Detachment 7 and 39th Maintenance Squadron  
 Wednesday — 39th Civil Engineer Squadron and 39th Communications Squadron  
 Thursday — None Scheduled  
 Friday — Department of Defense Dependents Schools and 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron

## The gate pass re-issue will be at the community activity center on the following days from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Feb. 9 — DET 522, 39th Medical Squadron and 39th Services Squadron  
 Feb. 10 — None Scheduled  
 Feb. 11 — 728th Air Mobility Squadron  
 Feb. 12 — AAFES, 39th CONS, Det. 7, 39th MSS  
 Feb. 18 — 39th LRS and 39th MXS  
 Feb. 19 — 39th CES and 39th CS  
 Feb. 20 — DODDS, 39th Operations Squadron, 39th Security Forces Squadron and all others

- ♦ Copy of dependent's ID card front and back
- ♦ Copy of passport
- ♦ Copy of residency permit

## Civilian sponsors:

- ♦ Complete application form
- ♦ Copy of PCS order and extension
- ♦ Copy of passport
- ♦ Residency permit

After the paperwork is turned in, the passes will be submitted to Turkish Pass and ID for approval. Passes may be picked up at the American

pass and registration office three to five days afterwards. Old gate passes must be turned in to receive a new one.

Anyone who does not have their old gate pass must report the loss to the Law Enforcement Desk and complete a loss letter, which will be signed by the 39 ABG/CC.

For more information, contact Pass and Registration at 6-6567 or go online to the Source, 39th Security Forces Squadron, Pass and Registration.

# Patriot Express restructures passenger channel flights

By Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips

39th Air Base Group Public Affairs

For the moment, Incirlik people can breathe a sigh of relief because the Patriot Express, and the accompanying Space-A benefit, from here to Baltimore-Washington International Airport is expected to continue into the foreseeable future.

However, the U.S. Transportation Command has announced the phased restructuring of chartered passenger air services provided through the Air Mobility Command's Patriot Express beginning in fiscal 2005 and ending in fiscal 2008.

"As of right now, we haven't received any guidance from Air Mobility Command about how the restructuring will affect Incirlik," said Master Sgt. Lisa Hill, 728th Air Mobility Command superintendent of passenger services.

Sergeant Hill is quick to point out that doesn't mean services through Incirlik won't disappear with the other identified base; however, due to its location in a high threat force protection area the base is being given different considerations.

Officials state that BWI will continue to service the remaining PE requirements based on force protection routes and locations with no DOD approved commercial airline service. All other routes will be phased out over the four-year period.

The decision to reduce the Patriot Express is in response to customer

trends and operating realities. Patriot Express costs the Department of Defense approximately \$67 million more annually than does travel via commercial/General Service Administration City Pairs program.

In fiscal 2005, the Atlanta gateway will close, and service to Rhein Main Air Base, Germany will end. Also, the frequency and size of flights to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Keflavik, Iceland will be adjusted to better meet requirements.

In fiscal 2006, service to Osan AB, Korea; Kunsan AB, Korea; Kadena AB, Japan; Keflavik, Iceland; and RAF Mildenhall will end while the Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii PRC and Los Angeles International Airport gateway will close.

In fiscal 2007, service to Yokota AB, Japan; Misawa AB, Japan; and Iwakuni, Japan will end while the Seattle gateway and the Yokota AB, Japan PRC will close.

In fiscal 2008, service to Lajes Field, the Azores; Aviano AB, Italy; Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico; Naples, Italy; Rota, Spain; and Sigonella, Spain, will end, and the PRC in Germany will close. PE force protection routes (situation dependent upon threat), and routes to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Diego Garcia will continue.

The Tip of the Sword will publish more information about how restructuring the PE service affects Incirlik Air Base as it becomes available. For more information, contact passenger services at 6-6424. (Some information obtained from the U.S. TRANSCOM news service)

# Camera phones pose security risk

**By Master Sgt. Darrell Lewis**  
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**TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla.** (AFPN) — Carrying the latest “have-to-have” electronic gadget may mean big trouble for the person who brings it into unauthorized locations.

Officials from the National Security Agency said in an advisory that new cellular phones with integral digital cameras pose an unacceptable security risk to homeland security.

This type of phone is not authorized for use or possession within any Air Force facility processing classified information without written authorization from the designated approval authority.

“Communications are getting faster and easier,” said Jane Guidicini, Air Force Communications Agency certified emission security technical authority. “While that does help speed communications, it can also unfortunately allow classified information to get out of a classified area inadvertently or otherwise.

“One of the most common emissions secu-



Photo by Senior James Seymore III

Cellular phones with integral digital cameras aren't authorized near classified information.

rity regulations I enforce is that all cellular phone usage is forbidden within 10 meters of classified processing,” said Staff Sgt. Wendell Boone Jr.,

39th Communications Squadron EMSEC manager. “Some units here on Incirlik, such as the command post, require you to store your cell phone at the entry point before entering a building. This is probably the best measure to take to ensure classified information isn't compromised.”

If someone in a restricted area has one of the phones with a camera capability and a security forces troop discovers it, he or she would be forced to confiscate the camera for review of unlawful images, said Tech. Sgt. Shon Kloepping, 72nd Security Forces Squadron non-commissioned officer in charge of physical security.

Additionally, civilian employees could face federal charges and military members could face federal charges and Uniform Code of Military Justice actions, he said.

If people see someone using any unauthorized camera without coordinating with base agencies, contact the base security forces squadron, Mr. Bryant said.

For more information, call the 39th Communications Squadron Information Assurance Office at 6-6148.

## *Local board corrects dependent misconduct*

**By Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips**  
39th Air Base Group Public Affairs

Nobody likes a nosy neighbor, who is driven to earn the reputation of block know-it-all by keeping tabs on all the latest gossip and misconduct about their neighbors.

However, one such group, called the Family Member Misconduct Board, is actually charged to do just that. Board members act as base misconduct “police.”

“Although the Family Member Misconduct Board is necessary to maintain discipline on base, we're not always appreciated,” said Lt. Col. Chris Lozo, 39th Air Base Group Legal Office staff judge advocate.

The FMMB board convenes to discuss dependents who violate or cause problems on base that affect the safety or property of individuals or Department of Defense assets.

“The Uniform Code of Military Justice doesn't apply to spouses and children, so the board is the only means of addressing unacceptable dependent behavior,” said Staff Sgt. Brian Meeker, 39th Air Base Group Legal Office civil law NCO in charge.

“The board doesn't convene to pick on dependents or gossip about them behind closed doors. We know people make mistakes; however, we need active-duty members to realize that when their dependents violate Air Force policy, there are very clear consequences for that misconduct,” Colonel Lozo added.

Violations that get the board's attention range from shoving another child at the base pool, shoplifting or black-marketing gas coupons or liquor.

The process normally starts with the 39th Security Forces Squadron law enforcement members who catch a violator and bring the violation to

the legal office's attention. After review and comparison with Incirlik Air Base Instruction 51-101, Family Member Misconduct Board, a recommendation is made to the chairman. If the chairman agrees, an official notification is sent to the active-duty sponsor through their first sergeant.

After a date is established, active-duty sponsors and their commander are summoned in front of the board to share their side of the story.

The board typically meets the first Monday of the month in the base legal office and is made up of five voting members. The board can also include non-voting members such as the sponsor's supervisor, first sergeant and family members, and school principals for juveniles.

A few days after the board convenes, the active-duty member will receive the written results of the board, called the findings. The repercussions to the dependent are listed in the findings and can include community service, curfews, restitution or restriction from certain base areas.

“Without a FMMB, there would be very little that could be done to correct dependent misconduct,” Sergeant Meeker said.

The chairman is not only limited to punishing dependents. He's also responsible for ensuring the dependent's sponsor realizes the severity of their dependent's actions.

The sponsor could receive a range of punishments from a verbal reprimand or community service. The most severe is curtailing a sponsor's assignment, which can send the sponsor and dependent back to a stateside location where the dependent wouldn't be allowed to reside in on-base housing.

“Hopefully, the FMMB will impress upon family members that we all live and work in a small, closely knit environment, and their actions affect more individuals than they may have considered,” Colonel Lozo said.

For more information about the FMMB, call Sergeant Meeker at 6-6800.

# DOD lauds base AT/FP program

By Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles  
39th Air Base Group Public Affairs

A Department of Defense Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment team left on a high note Friday after a week-long assessment of Incirlik's force protection program, posture, procedures and community awareness.

JSIVA visits occur every two years in high-threat areas to ensure antiterrorism and force protection programs are up to DOD standards.

"We did very well," said Master Sgt. Tony Smith, 39th Air Base Group antiterrorism officer. "During our last assessment, the team made 49 observations. This year, they made 19. That's a 62 percent improvement."

During the outbrief, Col. Jonathan Bancroft, the JSIVA team chief, said this was the "best installation antiterrorism plan they've seen in four years" and that Incirlik has an "excellent and comprehensive antiterrorism program."

Along with the positive remarks, the team also pointed out that some areas need improvement.

"Some buildings had outdated information posted, including quick reaction checklists," Sergeant Smith said. "We'll be working with agencies to ensure that's corrected."

The team stressed the importance of community members in a successful antiterrorism and force protection program, something Sergeant Smith tries to impart on a daily basis.

"Because of Incirlik's role in the Global War on Terrorism, we are a constant target for terrorists," Sergeant Smith said. "It's imperative to remember that AT/FP is a base-wide program and will only succeed with maximum support."

"AT/FP is everyone's job," he continued. "From situational awareness to reporting suspicious behavior, we all have a hand in making it a successful program."

## New antenna helps aircraft land

By 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Culbertson  
39th Air Base Group Public Affairs

Pilots flying into Incirlik during adverse weather can worry a little less, thanks to the latest 39th Communications Squadron project.

The squadron is completing installation of a new antenna for Incirlik's precision approach radar, or PAR, the system used by air traffic controllers to safely guide pilots to land on Incirlik's runway in times of low visibility.

The PAR is a precision radar that can control up to six aircraft simultaneously. The controller uses it to monitor an aircraft's approach and advise pilots of vector information to guide them right to touch down. By listening to the controller, a pilot can land a plane without being able to see the runway.

"Although it will be transparent to most, anyone who flies into Incirlik will benefit from the replacement," said Master Sgt. Michael Hutchinson, 39th Communications Squadron airfield systems branch chief.

"Most people don't think communications troops help keep planes in the air," said Maj. Jeff Collins, 39th Communications Squadron mission systems flight commander. "But we do. Comm maintains the PAR and all the other radar and navigational systems at Incirlik."

The antenna is a crucial part of airfield

system, capable of being remotely turned manually by air traffic controllers to cover both approach ends of the runway, a necessary ability in prevailing winds.

The need for a new antenna arose last summer, when a fire in the boom of the antenna damaged the critical ribbon cable that steers the radar beam. The antenna assembly also suffered corrosion that exceeded normal maintenance repairs, so the radar team sought funding from U.S. Air Forces in Europe to replace the entire antenna.

The new antenna is actually an overhauled antenna obtained from U.S. manufacturer Raytheon. By exchanging the old antenna, the unit was able to pay \$275,000 rather than the approximately \$6 million a new one would have cost.

The project, completed more than a week early, was not without its challenges. Torrential rains caused both the 25-foot crane used to remove the old antenna and the 10,000 pound forklift to get stuck in knee-deep mud. The radar team worked throughout the four days of Martin Luther King Jr. weekend to ensure they met their schedule.

"The troops were willing to work to make it happen," said Maj. Collins. "I'm proud of them for keeping the 'comm' in combat air operations."

The final test of their efforts will be Monday, when the Federal Aviation Administration will perform a flight check.



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BRIEF

### Paper break

The Tip of the Sword will not be published Feb. 6 due to a Turkish holiday. The next issue will be Feb. 13.

### EQUAL listing

The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for overseas assignments for the October to December 2004 cycle is available Tuesday. People need to work through the military personnel flight to update their preferences by Feb. 19. Airmen will be notified of their selection by mid-March. To access the list, go to the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at <https://afas.afpc.Randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm> or call the MPF at 6-3928.

### Driver's license expiration

People operating a motor vehicle with an expired license will have their driving privileges indefinitely revoked, according to Turkish Traffic Law #2918, Article 98. Turkish traffic police will not recognize stateside license extensions or military clauses; only the date on the license. Licenses that read "military" or "no expiration" will be accepted. People with expired licenses need to contact their stateside Department of Motor Vehicles. For more information, call 39th Security Forces Squadron Pass and Registration at 6-6617 or 6-6567.

### On the Source

"In the News," an electronic news clip document that includes media coverage of Incirlik and the surrounding region, will no longer be sent via e-mail. It is now posted on the Source Mondays through Fridays by 11 a.m. The "In the News" link can be found on the home page under "Quick Links." People can request an e-mail version if they have difficulty accessing the Source. For more information, call 39th Air Base Group Public Affairs at 6-6060.

### Gas coupon policy

Incirlik's new gas coupon policy limits people to 100 liters of gas coupons and 400 liters of diesel coupons per month. People can exceed the limit with their commander's approval. The sale or transfer of gas coupons to unauthorized people is illegal. For more information, call the legal office at 6-6800 or visit the Source and review policy number 30.



# 728th AMS supports 'Freedom Hangar' mission

By Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles  
39th Air Base Group Public Affairs

People from the 728th Air Mobility Squadron aerial port flight have a hand in just about every aircraft that transits Incirlik, whether its supporting Operation Enduring Freedom or carrying passengers home after a holiday in the states.

While their job may not be as visible or glamorous as a pilot's or aircrew's, their mission is equally essential. They're responsible for almost every detail of a mission, from offloading passengers and cargo to cleaning out the latrines and restocking food for the aircrews.

Their already maxed-out 24-hour workload got a bit heavier recently. They're one of the key players in Incirlik's newest mission: helping thousands of U.S. soldiers transit home from Iraq.

The flight comprises three sections – command and control, passenger services and aircraft services. Each plays an integral role in the "Freedom Hangar" mission.

As the nerve center, the Air Terminal Operations Center serves as command and control, disseminating information to the other two sections.

"We're the central point of contact for arrival coordination," said Tech. Sgt. Tony Williams, ATOC NCO in charge. "Once we have an aircraft arrival time, we coordinate passenger support and aircraft services so they can meet the plane on time."

Since the soldiers are only here for a brief duration while they wait to board a civilian aircraft, the ATOC also coordinates with civilian aircraft that take the soldiers home.

"We basically let everyone know what to do and when to do it," Sergeant Williams said. "We're information processors."

It's then aircraft and passenger services' job to take that information and be ready to respond at any given time.

"We meet every aircraft and download and upload passengers and baggage from military aircraft onto the commercial charter," said Master Sgt. Lisa Hill, passenger services superintendent. "We also work with the Army liaison to ensure accountability of arriving and departing soldiers."

For each aircraft, passenger services people have to first break down giant pallets of cargo and then load the luggage onto the civilian plane piece by piece.

"It's very labor intensive," said Master Sgt. Mark Sansom, deployed team chief. Ser-



Photos by Airman 1st Class Joseph Thompson

Senior Airman Dennis Valdez, a 728th Air Mobility Squadron aerial port flight passenger specialist, guides a K-loader toward a C-17 Globemaster III.



Staff Sgt. Nolan Jones, 728th Air Mobility Squadron team aircraft services member, pushes pallets off a C-17.

geant Sansom is one of the 24 augmentees deployed for the Freedom Hangar mission from the 615th Air Mobility Operations Group at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

"The Army picks out 10 soldiers per flight to help us out," he said.

The extra help is welcome, particularly

during a time crunch.

"Sometimes we have less than two hours to download a plane, account for passengers, prepare new manifests and upload the passengers and baggage onto another plane," Sergeant Hill said.

Schedule considerations also impact aircraft services people, who provide materials handling equipment support and drivers to handle the Army's inbound and transloaded baggage.

"Sometimes time and operational constraints force us to perform 'engine running on' and offloading procedures," said Master Sgt. Delbert Mims, aircraft services superintendent. "For many of the younger troops, this is their first time with ERO procedures. It's not ideal, but we work hard to ensure the mission is performed safely and on time."

In supporting the operation, aerial port flight people are basically doing their everyday jobs. They do, however, recognize a few of the unique aspects of the mission.

"We're part of a significant operation," Sergeant Williams said. "We're in the thick of it all, and then turn on the television later in the day and get to see the soldiers reunited with their families. It evokes a lot of emotion in many of us."

"This mission is very significant," Sergeant Mims said. "The soldiers have endured a lot and made countless sacrifices in their efforts to preserve freedom. We take great pride and honor in this service to them."

# 39th CONS escapes Hodjas, 60-57

By Staff Sgt. Brian Meeker  
39th Air Base Group Legal Office

The 39th Contracting Squadron team barely scraped by with a victory over the able Hodja High School team 60-57 during a Tuesday night intramural game at the base gym.

Although the Hodjas used their skill on the court, making a 3-pointer and closing the 39th Contracting Squadron team lead to single digits, 52-44, they were unable to eliminate the scoring gap. With 7.9 seconds left in the game and one last opportunity to capitalize at the free-throw line and take the lead, the Hodjas crumbled under the pressure, leaving 39th CONS with a narrow victory.

When 39th CONS trotted out their Goliath, Matthew Graham, the Hodjas knew they were in for a battle. Playing center, Graham was provided early opportunities to score, as 39th CONS tipped their hand by repeatedly forcing the ball into Graham near the basket. After various short jumpers by the 39th CONS big guys, it was apparent that David better have some smooth stones hidden away for Goliath, or this game would be over early.

Those stones came in the way of five smooth jumpers from Hodja guard Alex Hodges. Proving that the bank was indeed open late, Hodges ended the first half with a beyond NBA range three-pointer. Whether he actually called "glass" is still under investigation. While it was the last shot of the half, that 3-pointer energized the Hodjas as they headed into the half.

In the last moments before the second half began, Hodja coach Shannon Daniels said, "We have to find a way to make this an up-tempo game. If we can get their big man in foul trouble and use our speed to wear them down, we have a great chance. Other than that, what chance do we have to stop Shaq?"

In true Shaquille O'Neal fashion, the 39th CONS poor free throw shooting allowed the Hodjas to creep back into the game. Failure to convert at the charity stripe, combined with the barrage of "threes" that Alex Hodges, who was responsible for the lead being cut to single digits, was raining down on 39th CONS.

Silky smooth ball handling and a smothering defense by the other half of the Hodja Hodges, "Q" Hodge, led to an exciting Hodja comeback — one that reduced a twenty point 39th CONS lead to a mere point with seconds to go.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Dallas Edwards

Ruben Gonzales, 39th Contracting Squadron, takes a jump shot during a Tuesday night game with the Hodja High School intramural team.

While the size of 39th CONS led to squeaking out a victory in the last ticks of the clock, Alex Hodge summed up the theme of the game by saying, "We really earned a lot of respect in this game. As a team, we feel that we can play with anyone."



**SCUBA course** — Outdoor recreation offers a SCUBA course, which includes training and PADI certification. Water training provided in an indoor pool, plus four open water dives in Kizkalesi. Classes are ongoing. Cost is \$250. For more information, call

Yasar Karalar, SCUBA instructor, at 6-6044 or e-mail [incirlikdiving@yahoo.com](mailto:incirlikdiving@yahoo.com).

**Pilates** — The fitness center offers Pilates Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 6:30 to 7 a.m., Tuesdays from 7 to 7:30 p.m., and Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:30 to 7 p.m. For more information, call the fitness center at 6-6086.

**Combat Hapkido** — The fitness center sponsors Combat Hapkido Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Combat Hapkido is a self-defense art with joint locks, takedowns and grappling. For more information, call the fitness center at 6-6086.

**Belly Dancing classes** — The community center offers belly dancing Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 until 7 p.m. Cost is \$35 for eight classes. For more information, call 6-6966.

**Circuit training class** — The fitness center sponsors full-body circuit training classes Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the base gym. For more information, call Dustin Johnson, class instructor, at 6-3466 or 6-6788.

**Bowling leagues** — The Magic Carpet Bowling Center sponsors intramural league bowling Mondays and Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 6-6789.



ACTION  
LINE

**Col. Bill MacLure**  
39th Air Base Group Commander

**Response:** To report strays on base, call the 39th Civil Engineer Squadron service call desk at 6-7008 for 24-hour service.

If the animal is acting aggressively, 39th CES will then call the 39th Security Forces Squadron law enforcement desk for support. After duty hours, 39th CES will only respond if the animal bites someone or a serious danger to residents, in which case Security Forces will also respond when called by 39th CES. In that case, additional time may be required in getting hold of the veterinarian for tranquilizers to subdue the animal.

The stray animal population at Incirlik is a problem and it is being addressed. We have a base working group developing a policy letter and updating the base instruction to improve procedures for dealing with stray animals on base.

Currently, 39th CES is actively responding to calls as people report incidents with stray animals. However, the primary issue with handling the problem is Turkish law; it is ille-

gal to put a healthy animal to sleep. Trapping animals humanely won't do any good unless we have a place to put them. The

stray facility on base doesn't have room, so we requested help from the Adana animal shelter. The animal shelter is willing to provide assistance and is in the process of raising funds to build additional animal pens. For more information about the Adana animal shelter or for volunteering opportunities, call Dr. Jon Tabije, 39th Medical

Squadron psychologist, at 6-6452.

Furthermore, if you call the 39th CES service call desk and you encounter someone not familiar with the procedures, please call the quality assurance office at 6-8066 so they can correct the problem.

I assure you, this is an issue that has my attention. With the proper base agencies involved and participation of base volunteers, we can make great strides to humanely and effectively control the stray population on Incirlik.



## Dog days

**Concern:** This weekend there were four stray dogs in my front yard at Eagle housing at 3 a.m. I called security forces and civil engineering but no one seemed to know what action to take. Who is responsible for handling aggressive dogs?

I think the uncontrolled cat and dog population is a serious public health concern. The cats use the playgrounds as litter boxes. The dogs are aggressive and a threat to children and household pets. I am upset about the lack of action.

# ABCs carry special meaning in military

**By Tech. Sgt. Matthew Frickey**  
729th Air Control Squadron

**HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah (AFP)** — When I hear the letters “ABC,” Sesame Street, kindergarten or some other fundamental learning tool of my youth comes to mind.

These letters are not always used in an alphabetic sense — in the military they can also stand for attitude, behavior and conduct. As adults in the Air Force, these letters should be used as a code for our actions, appearance and perceptions.

Several years ago when tennis star Andre Agassi was pitching cameras, he drove home the message that “Attitude is everything.” It certainly is.

Attitude is the first element of the ABCs. Besides personal dress and appearance, it is the key to making a great first impression. Attitude can be either positive or negative.

Attitude is projected in degrees. Unfortunately, there are days when your car breaks down, the alarm doesn't ring or your spouse is screaming; these are the days when your attitude can be negative.

We may not like it, but presenting a negative attitude renders an improper military image and can damage our professional demeanor. This is where self-discipline and control help us deal with our attitude.

Either we become aware of our negative attitude or some outside source shows us the error of our ways. This should be a moment of self-realization where we take control and get rid of it.

Attitude is the easiest part of the ABCs to reciprocate, while behavior is more difficult.

A person with a bad attitude will let you know within several minutes of conversation. Behavior, on the other hand, is more elusive and a lot of times it is not until someone demonstrates bad behavior that we are able to identify a problem.

Writing bad checks, drinking and driving, lying and cheating on promotion tests are all examples of bad behavior. These acts are controllable by using self-discipline and making correct conscious decisions. Unfortunately we have things like peer pressure (and those who pressure us sometimes have bad ABC issues) that lead us down the wrong road and make being bad feel “cool.”

The bottom line is we either conduct ourselves professionally with integrity or choose to use inappropriate behavior possibly affecting the Air Force mission.

Conduct, like attitude and behavior, is a quality we can control.

Whether you are in the Air Force 20 years or two years, you face conduct choices all the time. Choosing to do drugs is negative conduct. This is a conscious choice and is the perfect example of poor conduct.

The consequence of this decision affects the Air Force mission. Airmen are expected to fix multi-million dollar aircraft, provide security for billions of dollars in assets and make the United States of America a safer place to live. Poor choices and bad conduct won't be tolerated. Not following this letter in the ABC sequence could get you a one-way ticket out of the Air Force.

Airmen who positively follow their ABCs will likely receive better feedback and enlisted performance reports and see their names put on quarterly packages. Airmen who fail to follow these fundamentals will ultimately feel the drawbacks.

They might receive counseling, have problems with the law and ultimately, could find themselves facing charges under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

We are in control of our own ABCs, and this affects our outlook either positively or negatively.

What is the state of your ABCs? If they aren't positive, what are you going to do about it? (*Courtesy of Air Force Materiel Command News Service*)





## ASK MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, Host Nation Adviser

### Holy pilgrimage

Moslems are currently traveling to Mecca to perform the pilgrimage called Hajj.

This pilgrimage is obligatory for every Moslem, male or female, in fairly good health and financially secure at least once in a lifetime. By completing the Hajj, Moslems express their devotion to Allah.

During the annual pilgrimage, Moslems meet in Mecca and dress in similar uniform-like clothing. There is no discrimination or preference between them; all are Allah's creations.

The climax of Hajj is marked by a sacrifice to celebrate the completion of this devotional course and to feed the poor.

The sacrifice is only a symbol; it's not the meat or blood that pleases God, it's the expression of thankfulness to Him and the affirmation of faith.

According to Moslems, this event started with the prophet Abraham when he was ordered to offer his son, Ismael (also known as Isaac), in sacrifice, an order that Abraham was ready to obey unquestioningly.

Ismael's life was spared and ransomed by a ram. The offering of the sacrifice has become an annual celebration to commemorate the occasion and thank God for his favors.

This duty, sacrificing an animal to God, is not only undertaken by pilgrims, but by able Moslems throughout the world during Eedu-l-Adha, or the Feast of Sacrifice.

### Feast of Sacrifice

The Feast of Sacrifice, called Kurban Bayrami in Turkish, falls on the 10th day of the last month of the Islamic calendar. This year's festival starts at noon Saturday and lasts four and a half days.

Eed (short for Eedu-l-Adha) means recurring happiness or festivity. It is a day of peace, thanksgiving, forgiveness, moral victory, good harvest and festive remembrance.

On the first day of the festival, Turkish citizens slaughter thousands of sheep, goats and calves. The sacrificed animals should be at least 1 years old and healthy. People sacrifice sheep in many places, including their garden, driveway, back yard, streets and even balconies.

Almost every city designates a central location with professional butchers, but many people still follow traditions and kill their animal elsewhere.

On the festival's first day, family members wake up early to make their final preparations. Male members go to a mosque to perform the special Bayram Namazi (sacrifice festival prayer). The sacrifice begins after men return from the mosque. The head of the family is expected to perform the sacrifice, but a butcher can also be used to perform the ritual on his behalf.

The animal is given water and salt, its eyes are wrapped with a



Courtesy photo

Turkish Moslems skin a sheep during the Feast of Sacrifice. On the first day of the festival, Turkish citizens slaughter thousands of sheep, goats and calves. This year's festival starts at noon Saturday and lasts four and a half days.

clean rag, and it's turned to face Mecca. Verses are recited from the Koran, the holy book of Islam, and then the animal's throat is cut.

The meat is then divided into three portions — one is given to the poor, one to neighbors and relatives, and the third is kept for the household.

The skin of the sacrificed animal is donated to the Turkish Aviation Association. The income obtained from the selling of the skins is shared with Turkish Red Crescent, Children Protection Association, orphanages and other social foundations.

People also visit the graves of deceased family members. That is usually done one day prior to the festival.

Friends, neighbors and relatives visit each other during the festival. Traditionally, people offer cologne, candy and Turkish coffee during the visits. Children may be given pocket money. Kapticis (door keepers), maids and gardeners are also tipped during the festival.

You can tell your Moslem friends "Bayraminiz Kutlu Olsun" (Buy-rahm-ihn-is Koot-lou all-soon) or "Iyi Bayramlar" (ee buy-rahm-luhr), which both mean "Happy Holidays" during the sacrifice festival.

*Do you have a question about anything Turkish? Call 6-6060 or e-mail Mehmet at [mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil).*

## In Turkish

**kurban - sacrifice**  
(coor-bahn)

**koyun - sheep**  
(co-youn)

**et - meat**  
(at)

**kasap - butcher**  
(kah-sup)

# THE INCIRLIK GUIDE



## Today

**Catholic Home Rosary Group** — The Rosary Group meets at 6:30 p.m., followed by a potluck. For location and further information, call Ellen Herdler, coordinator, at 6-5267.

## Sunday

**Super Bowl party** — The club sponsors a Super Bowl party at 9 p.m. in the ballroom. Kick off is 1:17 a.m. Cost is \$5 for club members and \$7 for non-members. Price includes snacks, breakfast buffet and a commemorative coin. For more information, call 6-6101.

**Super Bowl tailgate party** — The Top III organization sponsors a Super Bowl tailgate party and barbecue from 5 to 7 p.m. at the pavilion by Building 892 (next to the Crossroads Café). For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Don Dufner, Top III member, at 6-3690.

**New Protestant Sunday School Class** — The new Protestant Sunday School class is 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. at the youth center. The topic is finances from a biblical perspective. For more information, call Joseph McFadden, course director, at 6-6031.

## Tuesday

**Chief selection briefing** — Chief Master Sgt. Carol Toohey, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron chief enlisted adviser, speaks about the chief master sergeant selection process from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the community center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Cynthia Clarke, 39th Communications Squadron system engineering chief, at 6-8342.

**PWOC Bible studies** — The Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible studies, based on the New Testament book of Ephesians, are

Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. and Friday mornings from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the chapel conference room. For more information, call 6-2298.

## Wednesday

**Parent-teachers organization** — The Incirlik Elementary Parent Teachers Organization meets at 2:10 p.m. in the elementary school media center. For more information, call 6-3109.

**Anger management** — The health and wellness center sponsors anger management class from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 6-6452.

## Thursday

**Scrapbooking beginners** — The skills development center offers a beginning scrapbooking class Thursday and 19 from 6 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$10 with instruction or \$5 without instruction. For more information, call 6-3858.

**Frap, scrap and chat** — The Protestant Women of the Chapel sponsor a frap, scrap and chat at the Crossroads Café from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Cost is free; bring your own materials. For more information, call Monica Matthews, PWOC president, at 6-2298.

**Skills center classes** — The skills development center offers a Valentine's Day decorations class Thursday and Feb. 10 at 8 p.m., grapevine Valentine's wreath class Thursday and Feb. 12 from 5 to 8 p.m., and a ceramic tea cup class Feb. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 6-3858.

## Ongoing

**Language classes** — The community center offers both conversational English and conversational Turkish classes from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$25 for four classes. For more information, call 6-6966.

**Elementary cookbook** — The elementary school parent teacher organization is publishing a cookbook to raise funds for the school.

People can submit recipes by e-mailing [incirlikcookbook@excite.com](mailto:incirlikcookbook@excite.com) or stopping by the school. For more information, call Robin Crowe, PTO publicity chairperson, at 6-2471.

## Upcoming

**Ceramic Madness potluck** — The skills development center offers a ceramic madness class and potluck Feb. 13 from 6 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$5. For more information, call 6-3858.

**Black History Month breakfast** — A Black History Month breakfast is Feb. 6 at 8 a.m. at the consolidated club complex. For more information, call 6-2969.

**School advisory committee** — The Incirlik Elementary School

Advisory Committee meets Feb. 12 at 2:15 p.m. in the school's media center. For more information, call 6-3109.

**Black History Month soul food sampler** — A Black History Month soul food sampler is Feb. 13 at 11 a.m. at the community center. For more information, call at 6-6027.

**Heart Link** — The family support center sponsors an informational session for spouses new to the military Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 6-6755.

**Chief Induction Ceremony** — The Chief Induction Ceremony is Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. in the consolidated club complex. Cost is \$16. For reservations, call 6-6319 or e-mail [dana.hodges@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:dana.hodges@incirlik.af.mil).

## COMBAT & SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS



## Saturday

**Project CHEER paintball tourney** — Outdoor recreation offers a Project CHEER paintball tournament at 8 a.m. Cost is \$12. For more information, call 6-6044.

## Thursday

**Combat Touch** — The National Prayer Luncheon is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Topic is "Praying Through Adversity." For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Paul Sutter, Protestant chaplain, at 6-6441.

**Project CHEER** — The Project CHEER committee is seeking team members. They meet Thursdays at 3 p.m. in conference room #2 in Building 833. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Steve Schaick, 39th Air Base Group senior Protestant chaplain, at 6-6441.

## Upcoming

**Customer College** — Incirlik's Customer College classes are Feb. 9 through 12 and Feb. 17 through 20. Classes are mandatory for people in customer service positions. For more information, call Rebecca Allen, 39th Services Squadron training specialist, at 6-8289.

**Combat Touch** — The National Prayer Luncheon is Feb. 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Topic is "Praying Through Adversity." For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Paul Sutter, Protestant chaplain, at 6-6441.

**Project CHEER wood stools** — The skills development center sponsors a country Valentine wood stool project Feb. 7 from noon to 5 p.m. Cost is \$20. For more information, call 6-3858.



# WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



**Master Sgt. Eno Jackson**, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron housing heating, venting and air conditioning superintendent

**Time on station:** Two years

**Hobbies:** Family, music and sports

**Why did you join the Air Force?** "I wanted to try something different."

**What do you like most about Incirlik?** "It's a close military community."

**How do you contribute to the air base group's mission?** "I oversee contractor operations in the housing office and HVAC (heating, venting and air conditioning) shop, and at our geographically separated units. I'm also the NCO point of contact for Combat Proud. I ensure our facilities are ready for any challenge U.S. Air Forces in Europe places in front of us."

**What's your favorite motto and why?** "Nothing beats a failure but a try."

**What Air Force core value best describes you and why?** "Excellence in all we do. I work hard to be the best I can be."

**Supervisor's quote:** "Sergeant Jackson is a phenomenal NCO and squadron leader," said Capt. Michael Miller, quality assurance flight commander. "He's my go to guy for the toughest challenges. He's making Combat Proud a reality."

# YOUR TURN



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil)

**Which team (New England Patriots or Carolina Panthers) do you predict will win Super Bowl XXXVIII?**

"The Patriots ... because they're the luckiest team in football."

– **Capt. Eric Wozniak**, 39th Maintenance Squadron



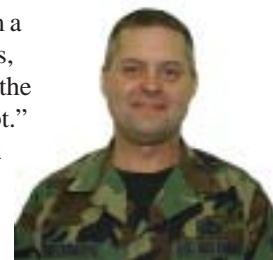
"The Panthers ... they have a good defense."

– **Terry Logue**, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron



"The Patriots ... I'm a hometown fan. Plus, they're absolutely the best team, no doubt."

– **Master Sgt. Carl Wetterberg**, 39th Operations Squadron



"The Patriots ... my chief is a big Patriots fan and if I don't go with them, I'm in trouble."

– **Tech. Sgt. John Gibson**, 728th Mobility Squadron



"The Patriots ... they're the better team as a whole."

– **Staff Sgt. Peter Rollins**, 39th Security Forces Squadron



## CLASSIFIEDS

**Lost:** Female wedding ring. Ring is 18kt gold with two half-cut diamonds and a full diamond, with silver accents at the top. If found, please contact Christine at 6-5656 and leave a message.

**For sale:** Black entertainment center, purchased from BXtra for \$140, asking \$75. Two new Turkish carpets, 6-foot by 9-foot each, asking \$250 per carpet. Call Jeremy or Ashley at (h) 6-5718 or (w) 6-6757.

**For sale:** Four piece living room set, includes one full-size couch, one loveseat and two chairs, blue in color with chrome trim, almost new and in excellent condition, \$900 OBO; one glass-top coffee table, excellent condition, \$60. Call 6-2242.

**For sale:** Seven-piece living room set. Includes loveseat, full-size couch, two chairs, two end tables and a coffee table. Bought one year ago, smoke-free home, cream color, excellent condition. Great deal at \$700 OBO. Call 6-2015 or 0536-281-8784.

**For sale:** New secretary/laptop computer armoire, solid wood with oak stain, 90 inches tall and 26 inches wide. Beautiful piece of furniture. A must see to appreciate. \$100 OBO. Call Lisa at 6-5033.

**For sale:** Assorted toddler toys, including easel with clip, Legos, trucks, a Sit-n-Spin and stuffed animals; various Tupperware products; couch; and toddler clothes; all in great condition. Call for prices at 6-5191.

**For sale:** Two bikes, one male and one female, need new inner tubes, Beyanname item, free. Call Brandon or Tammy at 6-2203.

**For sale:** Full-size couch and loveseat, floral print, very comfortable, smoke-free home, \$300 OBO. Call Jeremy or Ashley at 6-5718 (home) or 6-6757 (work).

**For sale:** Cherry-stained dining room set, includes large rectangle double pedestal table with built-in leaf, eight chairs, buffet, a lighted hutch, very good condition, less than a year old, \$1,000 OBO for entire set. May be willing to sell separately. Call Bill or Meredith at 6-2217.

**Help wanted:** Laboratory technicians, clinical microbiology experience, fluent in speaking and reading English, able to perform blood draws, salary is negotiable. Call Meredith at 6-8601 or e-mail [meredithjwelsh@hotmail.com](mailto:meredithjwelsh@hotmail.com).

# Combat Proud

## Base Pride... Mission Pride

Combat Proud focuses on improving the appearance of U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases to foster pride and productivity. People can take part by keeping their office and building grounds clean and well maintained. For more information or to report an area that needs improvement, call the Combat Proud Hotline at 6-PROUD or e-mail [combatproud@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:combatproud@incirlik.af.mil)



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joseph Thompson

## Open wide

Capt. Karyn Young, 39th Medical Squadron dentist, and Senior Airman Brooke Ogunyemi, dental support element NCO in charge, perform a procedure to harden sealant on their patient, 10-year-old Alexa Harris. The dental clinic sponsors a variety of dental health events throughout National Children's Dental Health Month, including dental health education at the high school Wednesday, screenings and dental health education at the elementary school Thursday and Feb. 6, and a dental information booth at the base exchange Feb. 7. For more information, call the clinic at 6-6435 or 6-6104.

## Feast of Sacrifice holiday hours

### Consolidated club complex:

Saturday -- evening dining room closed

Sunday -- no brunch

SuperBowl party starts at 9 p.m. in the ballroom; kick off is at 1:17 a.m.

Monday -- closed

Tuesday -- cashier's cage, dining room and Grandstand closed

Wednesday -- cashier's cage, dining room, bingo and Grandstand closed

### Bowling center:

Closed Sunday

### Outdoor recreation:

Closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday

### Commissary:

Closed Sunday and Monday.

### Base exchange:

Normal hours

### Shoppette:

Closed Thursday



## At the Oasis

### Today

**Mystic River (R)** — Starring Sean Penn and Kevin Bacon. Jimmy, Dave and Sean find themselves thrust back together by the murder of Jimmy's 19-year-old daughter. As the investigation tightens round these three friends, an ominous story unfolds that revolves around friendship, family and innocence lost too soon. Showing at 7 p.m. (137 minutes)



### Saturday

**Beyond Borders (R)** — Starring Angelina Jolie and Clive Owen. Sarah, a sheltered

American socialite meets Nick Callahan, a renegade doctor, his commitment to humanitarian efforts in war-torn nations moves her deeply.



Driven by her passion for Nick and his life's work, Sarah risks everything to embark on a perilous journey that leads to the volatile far corners of the Earth. Showing at 7 p.m. (102 minutes)

### Sunday

#### Runaway

### Jury (PG-13)

— Starring George Clooney and Catherine Zeta-Jones.



Miles, a divorce lawyer nearing a midlife crisis meets his match in his client's gold-digging wife, Marilyn. He's impressed by her similarly heartless ways of using marriage to fuel an expensive lifestyle, but he still defeats her in court. With Marilyn looking to get her revenge and Miles finding himself attracted to her, the two engage in a ruthless romantic pursuit to out-swindle each other. Showing at 7 p.m. (100 minutes)

## Thursday

**The Missing (PG-13)** — Starring Tommy Lee Jones and Cate Blanchett. In the late



19th-century wilderness of the southwestern United States, a woman named Maggie struggles to raise her two daughters on her own. When one of

them Lily is kidnapped by a psychopath who has been murdering young teenage girls, Maggie must turn to her father Samuel, with whom she had a falling-out long ago, for help in tracking her down before it's too late. Showing at 7 p.m. (130 minutes)

## At the M1

**Finding Nemo (G)** — 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.

**Looney Tunes the Movie (PG)** — 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**Timeline (PG)** — 11:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4 p.m. and 9 p.m.

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